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SUBJECT: CUBA: PRESS REACTION TO VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN TO BRAZIL

1. MOST MAJOR BRAZILIAN DAILIES CARRIED STORY OF PROPOSED  
BRAZILIAN AMENDMENT TO COSTA RICAN/COLOMBIAN/VENEZUELAN  
TRIPARTITE RESOLUTION ON CUBAN SANCTIONS. PRESITGIOUS O  
ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CARRIED FRONT PAGE LEAD STATING  
"FOREIGN MINISTRY INFLUENCES PROPOSAL ON CUBA" AND IN ITS  
INTERIOR PAGES "BRAZILIAN AMENDMENT CHANGES PROPOSAL  
ON CUBA." THE FOLHA DE SAO PAULO LEAD STATED "CUBA:  
BRAZIL RECEIVES SUPPORT OF ARGENTINA AND COSTA RICA"  
WHILE THE FEISTY JORNAL DE BRASILIA STATED IN ITS  
FRONT PAGE STORY "U.S. SUPPORTS BRAZIL AGAINST CUBA".

2. A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS BASED ON A FOREIGN MINISTRY  
BRIEFING ALSO DISCLOSED THE VISIT TO BRAZIL OF DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARRY W. SHLAUDEMANN. O ESTADO DE SAO  
PAULO STATED "THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SURROUNDED HIS  
PRESENCE WITH THE GREATEST SECRECY. PERSONS WHO KNEW  
OF HIS PRESENCE IN RIO ATTRIBUTED HIS VISIT TO  
THE POSSIBLE PREPARATION OF VISIT BY KISSINGER TO  
BRAZIL. YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO  
DETERMINE THAT THE OBJECT OF SHLAUDEMANN'S VISIT WAS TO  
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EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND IDEAS ON THE CUBAN

PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA BY ORDER OF SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER". THE JORNAL DE BRASILIA STATED THAT "INFORMATION DIVULGED UNOFFICIALLY YESTERDAY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY . . . PERMITTED THAT A VERY IMPORTANT VISIT ON WHICH EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE FOR IT TO PASS UNNOTICED COULD BE LOCALIZED IN BRASILIA: HARRY SHLAUDEMANN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAN OF CONFIDENCE OF KISSINGER FOR LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS." THE JORNAL DE BRASIL STATED THAT "SURROUNDED BY RIGOROUS SECRECY EVEN OBLIGING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO DENY HIS PRESENCE IN BRASILIA (SIC) THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HARRY SHLAUDEMANN MET YESTERDAY FOR THE SECOND TIME WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO SILVEIRA ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS . . . OF THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL WITH REGARD TO THE LIFTING OF CUBAN SANCTIONS".

3. THE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO ADDED THAT "THE PRESENCE OF KISSINGER'S ENVOY IN BRASILIA COINCIDES WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE BRAZILIAN COUNTER PROPOSAL ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE BLOCKADE AGAINST CUBA. THE BRAZILIAN POSITION, NEVERTHELESS, WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY, A DAY BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN SILVEIRA AND SHLAUDEMANN. KISSINGER'S DECISION IN SENDING HIS ASSISTANT TO BRASILIA CONFIRMS AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF BRAZIL AND THE NORTH AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL. ON THAT OCCASION, KISSINGER GUARANTEED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT ADOPT ANY NEW POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE CUBAN PROBLEM WITHOUT FIRST COMMUNICATING ITS PROPOSALS TO BRAZIL."

4. COMMENT: WE JUDGE THAT ITAMARATY'S SURFACING OF THE SHLAUDEMANN VISIT WAS PROBABLY INTENDED TO SHOW THAT THE GOB WAS BEING CONSULTED ABOUT CUBA BY THE USG IN THE SAME WAY THAT FACIO AND VIGNES - AND EARLIER - RABASA HAD BEEN CONSULTED BY THE SECRETARY. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN HIS EARLIER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIVATE INDISCRETIONS ABOUT SHLAUDEMANN'S PRESENCE, SILVEIRA TOLD MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS (THE CHILEAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS TO OUR CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE) THAT THE SECRETARY HAD WANTED HIM TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE CUBAN QUESTION, BUT SINCE HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP THE SECRETARY HAD SENT SHLAUDEMANN FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE ISSUE.

5. IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES, THE EMBASSY HAS LIMITED ITSELF TO SAY THAT SHALUDEMAM WAS HERE FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. EARLIER THE EMBASSY HAD DENIED THAT THERE WAS AN EMISSARY IN THE COUNTRY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY. IN SOME OF THE PRESS THAT DENIAL WAS GARBLED INTO A DENIAL OF SHLAUDEMAM'S PRESENCE.  
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